

I am staunchly opposed to copy-protection of DTV and HDTV signal. Piracy of signal publically broadcast has historically not been a problem (as proven by the legality and pervasiveness of the VCR) and is not likely to become a problem. I greatly value the ability to time-shift television programming with my PVR, and the inability to do so would drastically slash my already short viewing times.

Copy protection embedded by the recording devices makes far better sense to me - preventing someone from making more than one copy of a live broadcast. A simple consumer-minidisc-like copy protection system would serve the system well, though the actual implementation would need to be more complicated.

Bottom line is: If I can't watch a television program when I want, I'm not going to watch it. Recording for time-shifting should be protected.